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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR ET US OVIP (SEELYE, TALCOTT W.)
SUBJ: POSSIBLE CALL BY CHARGE ON MENGISTU HAILE MARIAM

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1. AGREE ENTIRELY THAT WE SHOULD MAKE EFFORT TO CALL ON
MENGISTU AND HAVE HAD THIS IN MIND SINCE REORGANIZATION OF
DIRG ANNOUNCED. QUESTION IN MY MIND NOW IS ESSENTIALLY ONE
OF TACTICS, NOT OF PRINCIPLE.

2. AS INDICATED MY 0081, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE CRACK AT DIRG
ON OCCASION DEPUTY ASST SECY SEELYE VISIT. I HAD MENGISTU
IN MIND FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND WHETHER OR NOT I TRY TO SEE
MENGISTU MYSELF BEFOREHAND, I WOULD STILL LIKE TO TRY IT.
PROBLEM THEN BECOMES ONE OF HOW MUCH TRAFFIC WILL BEAR, AND
UNLESS EPMG HAS MADE SOME KIND OF DETERMINATION THAT HENCE-
FORTH MENGISTU WILL BE MORE AVAILABLE TO DIPLOMATS THAN HE
HAS IN PAST, A DETERMINATION NOT YET IN EVIDENCE,
ANSWER ON THE PREVIOUS RECORD IS PROBABLY NOT VERY
MUCH. IF THIS IS CORRECT READING, CHANCES THAT MENGISTU
WOULD SEE ME AND THEN SEELYE IN MY JUDGMENT ARE NOT VERY
GOOD, AND ANY EFFORT BY ME TO SEE HIM, WHETHER OR NOT
GRANTED, MIGHT JEOPARDIZE CHANCES OF CALL BY SEELYE.
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SINCE, OF THE TWO, I CONSIDER A CALL BY SEELYE MORE
IMPORTANT, I HAD CONCLUDED IN MY OWN MIND NOT TO TRY ON
MY OWN BEHALF AND TO COMBINE A COURTESY CALL AND VISIT
BY SEELYE IN ONE REQUEST.

3. ON BALANCE, I WOULD PREFER THIS APPROACH WHICH WILL
SERVE TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT THE DEPT WISHES AND WHICH

WOULD HAVE ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGE OF EXPOSING MENGISTU
TO SENIOR DEPT OFFICIAL (AND VICE VERSA). REQUEST WOULD
HAVE TO GO THROUGH MOFA WHETHER ON BEHALF OF MYSELF OR
BOTH OF US. PRINCIPAL MATTER OF SUBSTANCE WOULD BE
FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CURRENT AND ANTICIPATED
STATUS OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. WE COULD ALSO TRY FOR
HIS VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN TFAI AND HIS PERCEPTION OF
PROGRESS IN ERITREA AS WELL AS FOR ANYTHING HE CARED TO
TELL US ABOUT COURSE OF ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION. IF RELATIONS
WITH SUDAN ARE STILL PROBLEM AT THAT TIME, WE
COULD THROW THAT IN HOPPER TOO. FOR ALL OF THESE, WE
COULD SEIZE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT ACROSS OUR OWN POSITIONS,
ALTHOUGH I WOULD PREFER THAT THESE BE KNOWN TO MOFA
FIRST IF THERE ANYTHING NEW TO SAY.
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